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LETTER DATED 30 JULY 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit a letter dated 30 July 1993 from His Excellency Dr. Ali Akbar Velayati, the Foreign Minister of the Islamic Republic of Iran addressed to Your Excellency about the ongoing Zionist aggression against Lebanon.

It would be highly appreciated if this letter and its annex were circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Kamal KHARRAZI
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 30 July 1993 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs
of the Islamic Republic of Iran addressed to the Secretary-General

The people and Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran are outraged by the Zionist regime's wanton use of deadly force against innocent people in Lebanon who only seek to restore territorial integrity of their homeland. The Zionist indiscriminate attacks launched on land and from air and sea against Lebanon is reminiscent of, if not worse than, the original aggression against and invasion of that country in 1982. The rampant bombardments throughout Lebanon since Sunday, 25 July, has taken a heavy toll on the people in Lebanon. Several hundred innocent civilians have been killed; hundreds of thousands have been displaced; and several hundred residential units have been wiped out. Regrettably, the Security Council and those who freely wield influence there have been outrageously and predictably taciturn in their reactions.

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran strongly condemns the Zionist entity for its aggression and barbaric attacks against the people of Lebanon. The people and Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran empathize with the people and Government of Lebanon and extend their political and moral support to them in their just struggle to free their land from Zionist occupation in accordance with resolution 425 (1978) of the United Nations Security Council.

The Zionist regime and its patrons have engaged in an attempt to whitewash their responsibility for the daily inhuman crimes they commit in Lebanon by pointing their fingers at every possible directions. The Zionist conspirators and their accomplices try to frame others as instigators of the recent conflict. They, in fact, seek to rewrite history in the making by distorting the fact that tragedies taking place in Lebanon are the direct consequence of the initial invasion of Lebanon and of continued occupation of its southern region and the fact that Lebanese people are only reacting to foreign occupation of their territory.

The campaign of disinformation orchestrated by Zionist quarters against the Islamic Republic of Iran, of which the recent baseless and engineered propaganda about alleged Iranian role in Lebanon is a simple example, is alarming and dangerous. It is a clear illustration of the deceitful character of the hidden Zionist agenda for further aggression in the greater region. The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran wishes to forewarn the international community of the repercussions of continuation of such Zionist plots and of its adventurism.

The responsibility for the savage crimes committed against the people of Lebanon and for the longstanding occupation of and aggression in that country are borne solely by the Zionist regime. The people of Lebanon have demonstrated ultimate courage and steadfastness in their struggle against foreign occupation.

They deserve the full support of the international community and the urgent, serious, and effective intervention by the United Nations Security Council in accordance with the United Nations Charter to halt the unbridled Zionist violence in Lebanon.

Dr. Ali Akbar VELAYATI
Foreign Minister of the
Islamic Republic of Iran
